

# Montgomery County School Health Council

## December 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

<b>Gail Warner</b>	Community Member, SHC Co-Chair	<b>Sandy Salsberg</b>	Community Member
<b>Robin Brannan</b>	Community Member	<b>Liz Elliott</b>	MCDHHS School Health Services
<b>Elizabeth Rathbone</b>	MCPS OSFSE	<b>Minthu Phan</b>	Community Member
<b>Deborah Merke</b>	Community Member	<b>Teresa Shatzer</b>	MCPS Health Education
<b>Drew Warner</b>	Student Member		
<b>Guests:</b>	Sean O'Donnell, Monica Ortiz, Nancy Austin & Ryan Conlon		

- The meeting was called to order by Gail Warner, and the September 2019 minutes were approved.
- Monica Ortiz shared a briefing on Early Childhood Initiatives in Montgomery County. There are partnerships across agencies with the goal of expansion of family and childcare center slots and to address barriers in accessing services. The goal of the initiative is an additional 600 seats by February of 2020, and recommendations are being finalized regarding a sliding scale to address accessibility. Additional home-based providers and an expansion of center sites are current strategies. Additional revenue streams may include funding from Kirwan/Blueprint sources, federal monies and other state funding. The initiative includes funding for enhanced child care specialist positions. MCPS has opened early learning centers, including Emory Grove this school year. Planning is underway for additional centers next school year. DHHS is involved in these efforts through Family Involvement Centers; and efforts to further coordinate between MCPS and DHHS are underway, including focused efforts for children with disabilities. Funding may also be available through Working Parents Assistance (WPA), a Montgomery County funded program, as more families move from WPA to state-funded programs.
- Sean O'Donnell shared a briefing on Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capabilities. Funding is through CDC grants, State and local sources. Preparedness efforts with School Health Services have focused on mass vaccination requirements and on mass antibiotic distribution. Flu vaccine clinics were held at 3 area high schools in the fall, and a drill of rapid non-medical antibiotic dispensing was held in the summer of 2019. Stop the Bleed training was initiated in the fall of 2018 through Public Access to Trauma Care (PATC) programming in collaboration with Maryland Emergency Response services. SWAT team medics participated in training of School Health Services and School Resource Officers/Security Personnel. Currently, there are 5 Stop the Bleed kits in each school health room. An environmental assessment is now underway to identify best placement for additional Stop the Bleed kits to be installed on the wall of school buildings.
- Teresa Shatzer shared that Stop the Bleed training will be included in the MCPS Health curriculum in SY 2020-2021, and then there are plans to additionally include the training in Middle School health classes.
- Liz Elliott shared a report sent by Diana Barney of EveryMind about the Milliman report, published in November of 2019. The report is an in depth report looking at the disparities in accessing mental health and substance use services.
- Liz Elliott shared a School Health Services update. School Health Services works closely with DHHS Emergency Preparedness to hold flu clinics in the afternoon of November 12<sup>th</sup> at Northwest HS in the upcounty; Rockville HS in mid-county; and Kennedy HS downcounty. SHS school nurses administered flu vaccines to 639 school age children in less than 3 hours. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, there was a Montgomery County Council joint committee hearing before the Health and Human Services Committee and the Education and Culture Committee. An additional 6 school nurse positions will be voted on by the full County Council on December 10<sup>th</sup>. These positions represent an "emergency" additional budget item, and would allow for staffing of a full-time school nurse at every MCPS high school.
- Proposed topics – Safe Routes to School; State School Health Council Wellness initiatives
- Meeting schedule for the remainder of SY 2019-2020. Meetings are from 6:15-8:00 p.m. at 401 Hungerford Dr.
  - Monday March 23, 2020; Monday May 11, 2020
- Meeting adjourned.